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Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION*

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2000 received in connection with the above-captioned application. Since a response to that Office Action is timely, no additional fees for extensions of time are required.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments, and reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections of the Office Action in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:IN THE ABSTRACT:

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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) A compound of the formula

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